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U. S. STEAMSHIP SUNK BY GERMANS

Probably Constitutes the Expected "Overt Act."

SHIP LADEN WITH \$1,700,000 WORTH OF FOODSTUFFS, BUT NO MUNITIONS

LONDON, March 14.—The American steamship Algonquin, with ten Americans on board, was sunk by a German submarine at 6 o'clock on the morning of March 12. All members of the crew and officers were saved. The Algonquin carried no passengers.

Captain Norberg said that the Algonquin was bound from New York for London with foodstuffs.

"On Monday morning," he said, "just after daylight, I was on the bridge. It was the mate's watch. I saw two steamers, apparently colliers steaming west, one on the starboard and the other on the port side. Two minutes later the mate called my attention to another object and at once I said: 'I think that is a submarine.'"

"The submarine was about three miles distant as also were the ships. Immediately I saw a flash of a gun and a shell fell short. At once I stopped the engines and then went full speed astern, indicating this by three blasts on the whistle. The submarine kept on firing the fourth shot throwing up a column of water which drenched me and the man at the wheel. It was a close thing."

"The fifth shot struck the ship's side and the next went aft. The submarine was using two guns. Twenty shots were fired at us. I ordered the crew to the boats and we pulled away two ship's lengths. All this time the submarine was firing at us; some of the shots came very close."

"Once we were in the boats the Germans ceased firing and the submarine dived. Later we saw the periscope, which, circling the Algonquin half a dozen times, then, finding her abandoned, the submarine came to the surface and boarded the steamer."

"The first thing done was to lower the American flag. Then I concluded they were going to sink my ship. Ten minutes after I heard the crackle of an explosion and saw smoke. They had blown the ship up with bombs. In fifteen minutes the Algonquin had sunk."

"The submarine was flying the German ensign. Her commander asked my name, nationality, destination and cargo on the ship, which had the American colors painted on her side and flew the American flag day and night. I asked him to tow us toward land, but he refused, saying, 'I'm too busy. I expect a couple of other steamers.'"

"The weather was fine and the sea smooth. After being 27 hours in the boats we reached Sicily without seeing any vessel of any kind."

RAILROAD BUYS OUTPUT OF MINE.

Approximately Million Tons Involved in Contract at \$1.25 a Ton

A contract for approximately a million tons of coal for fuel purposes was concluded yesterday at the offices of the General Superintendent of the Chesapeake & Ohio, with the railway company as the purchaser, and the Keyser coal company, of Pike county, Ky., contracting to deliver the coal on board cars at the mine. The contract calls for the consumption of the entire output of the Keyser mine for the next five years at the rate of \$1.25 per ton, an increase of thirty-five cents over the fuel prices paid by the Chesapeake & Ohio under its old contracts, but a figure well below the present market.

The deal was closed by Charles M. Keyser, for the selling company, and General Manager J. Paul Stevens and purchasing agent B. T. Jefferson, for the railway company. They spent the number of hours in conference at the general superintendent's offices yesterday. Mr. Keyser, who had been stopping at the Frederick, returned to the hotel after the conclusion of the transaction and departed for his home in Pike county shortly thereafter.

To a reporter who called on him at the hotel he confirmed the report of the sale of the output of his mine and expressed his satisfaction over the terms agreed upon.

"It doesn't sound like much," he said, "but it's a good deal when you think of it. It wouldn't do any good to get a lot more for our coal on paper and be unable to get cars to ship it in."

The possibility of war and the certainty of continued freight congestion for some time to come were other features which induced him to sell at the figure given.

The Keyser Coal company has a single opening, capable of producing a thousand tons daily. It is located about five miles east of Pikeville.

It is said that the Chesapeake & Ohio is negotiating with other coal companies for fuel supply contracts. It is not known what effect this will have on the announced purpose of the Chesapeake & Ohio to open coal mines

of its own for the purpose of supplying fuel, but as Mr. Keyser pointed out yesterday it would require several months to bring the proposed operations to a state of productivity.

WARD-PETERS

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ward, of River Johnson county, Mr. Hugh Peters and Miss Golda Ward were married on last Saturday morning the Rev. E. J. Harris a relative of the bride, officiating.

Mrs. Peters is a beautiful and accomplished young woman and Mr. Peters is a prominent young business man of West Virginia. They have the best wishes of a host of friends.

The wedding was attended by a number of relatives and friends to whom an elegant breakfast was served, after which Mr. and Mrs. Peters boarded a train for Bluefield and other points in West Virginia where they will visit relatives of the groom. They will reside in West Virginia.

J. W. HERON PROMOTED TO SUPT. OF FUEL SUPPLY

J. W. Heron, for many years chairman of the coal allotment commission of the Chesapeake & Ohio railway company, has been promoted to its superintendent of fuel supply, with office at Huntington, according to an official circular issued at the local general offices. The circular bears the signature of General Manager J. P. Stevens, who has been in the city for the past few days.

D. R. Phillips, of Huntington, who has been a car allotment commissioner for the past seven years, is promoted to be chairman of the allotment board, a particularly important position, in view of the present coal crisis.

NEW PIERS COMPLETED

Baltimore, Md., March 6.—At a cost of \$2,600,000 the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad has completed its new coal pier at Curtis Bay—the largest in the world—and it was placed in operation today. The pier which contains every known modern device for the handling of fuel products, has a capacity of 12,000,000 tons a year or a maximum capacity of 7,000 tons an hour. It is constructed of concrete and steel and is electrically operated. It is a new departure in the construction of such facilities materially increasing the speed at which vessels may be loaded. The new pier is the first of its type ever built.

Lawrence County Woman Dies at Portsmouth.

Portsmouth, March 8.—While sitting in her chair conversing with her daughter Eloise, and a neighbor, Mrs. Fred Miller, the death summons came most unexpectedly Tuesday night to Mrs. Viola Barrett, wife of John Barrett, a well known farmer of Gephart's Station. Death was attributed to heart trouble.

Mrs. Barrett had just sat down and complained that she was getting dizzy. Her head pitched forward and she was dead before a physician could be summoned. According to relatives Mrs. Barrett had suffered several attacks of heart trouble.

The deceased was 56 years of age and in addition to her husband leaves seven children, as follows: Mrs. Stella Burton Fred, Mrs. Lula Byington Charles, Anna, Mrs. Goldie Milam and Eloise.

The family formerly resided in Lawrence county, Ky., moving to Gephart's Station two years ago.

The body was taken to Boyd County Ky., for burial.

ROCKCASTLE LUMBER CO.

It has been announced that the contract for sawing the timber remaining on the Rockcastle Lumber Company's holdings at Offutt, Ky., has been let to Vansant & Kitchen of Ashland. The timber will be taken on log trains from Offutt to Ashland where it will be manufactured into lumber.

The Rockcastle Lumber Company's mill at Offutt was destroyed by fire a few weeks ago and it was reported at first that they would rebuild but as the cut can be completed within a year they decided not to build.

Pneumonia Fatal to John B. Carter

Mr. John B. Carter died of pneumonia at Yatesville Thursday morning of this week, after a brief illness. The end came very unexpectedly. He was at the home of his deceased brother Landon Carter, where he has been spending most of his time lately in assisting the two daughters of his brother, who were left alone by the father's death.

The funeral will take place at 10 o'clock Friday morning and the body will be laid to rest in the family burial grounds. Deceased was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Louisville and this order will take part in the funeral.

Mr. Carter is the last of four brothers who were amongst our most prominent and popular farmers. The brothers were George, Landon and Millard. John B. was quiet, good citizen, with many friends and no enemies. His death is a loss to the community in which he had spent his life.

The widow is T. The surviving daughters are Mrs. Mollie Burton, and Mrs. B. J. Chaffin of Louisville, Mrs. M. A. Elkins of Ashland, Mrs. W. S. Frazier of Holden, W. Va., Mrs. Mary Burnett of Yatesville. The sons are George J. Milt and Charles. The sympathy of friends and acquaintances is extended to the family.

REAL ESTATE DEALS MADE THIS WEEK

TWO WELL KNOWN CARTER FARMERS AT YATESVILLE CHANGE HANDS.

Real estate has been a very active commodity in this vicinity lately.

S. W. Furtram, who recently sold his farm on the Point has purchased George J. Carter's farm at Yatesville. Also an adjacent tract, known as the James Grubb place, which Mr. Bartram bought from Thad Ranson. Possession will be given at once. After four months Mr. Bartram will take over the store, which is one of the best country stores in the county. The price paid for the Carter farm was \$5,000 and \$1,800 for the other place. The store will be on an invoice basis. This is a very attractive piece of property, a nice residence and good outbuildings. We learn that Mr. Carter will move to Louisville. He and his family will be welcomed here, as they are excellent people.

Rev. Hewlett Buys Property.

Rev. H. B. Hewlett, who sold his residence recently to Jack Mounts, has purchased from John M. Moore a house and lot in lower Lock avenue. Price \$1,900.

A. Blankenship

Arthur Blankenship, one of our successful farmers and live stock men, has bought the farm formerly owned by George Carter. The deal was made with his widow and two sons, G. B. and A. O. Carter. It is a desirable farm of 302 acres and adjoins Mr. Blankenship's farm. He will move to the Carter residence as soon as possession is given.

Wm. Hammond.

Wm. Hammond, who moved from Jattie to Louisville a few months ago, has purchased from James L. Carey a house and lot on Jefferson street.

JUDGE A. C. HALEY DIES AT CATLETTSBURG.

Judge A. C. Haley, 84 years old, formerly Judge of Boyd county, died at his home at Catlettsburg, where he had lived since a boy. He was a Captain in the Union Army during the Civil War and is survived by his widow and three children.

LAKE WELLMAN SELLS OUT

Lake Wellman has sold his interest in the Lobaco company and is now a traveling salesman for the company.

C. & O. STRIKE ORDERED FOR NEXT SUNDAY.

The threatened railroad strike has been called for Saturday and Sunday. C. & O. trainmen are ordered to strike Sunday. Many of the men will, it is said, refuse to obey the order. If the strike is carried into effect at this crisis, public sentiment will probably force Congress to pass a law making railroad strikes illegal.

REBUILT FRISCO WITH EAST KY. LUMBER.

O. E. Collins Tells How Mountain Shacks Are Worth Their Weight in Silver.

O. E. Collins, a prominent lumberman of Tennessee, with headquarters in Cincinnati, achieved distinction through the fact that he rebuilt San Francisco largely with lumber from the mountains of Kentucky. About 3,000,000 feet of Kentucky hardwood went to Frisco after a section of it was laid waste by the earthquake and fire, and Mr. Collins bought the trees, sawed them and shipped them to the West coast.

"It wouldn't surprise me," said Mr. Collins if many a poor family in the Kentucky mountains is living in a shack which, sawed up into quarters and sold to the furniture manufacturers of the country, would yield them a comfortable fortune. I recall some years ago going into the recently opened mining section of the State to pick up some hardwood. I found the promoters of a new town slaughtering great oak trees with which to build miners' shacks. When I tried to buy the oak I was told there was none for sale. When I showed them where they could buy pine building lumber at \$17, while I could pay them \$80 for what they were building houses with, they quickly concluded that they had lumber for sale. I showed a rich company where it could enrich itself by about \$150,000.

"There is no telling how many log cabins in the mountains are built of this lumber which now enters into the most eagerly sought for furniture. Cut into veneer, they are well worth their weight in silver."

John Bahan, Sr., of Somerset, who is vice-president of the Cumberland Pine Lumber Company, has purchased a residence in Winchester and will move his family there about May 1. The price is said to have been \$10,500.

DR. LEWIS PRICHARD MAKES LARGE GIFTS

SETS ASIDE \$200,000 TO PROVIDE INCOME FOR SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES

It was largely through the efforts of President U. V. W. Darlington that this gift was secured for Morris Harvey. He is making the school a big success.

Morris Harvey College, at Harboursville, ten miles south-east of Huntington is the principal beneficiary of the Prichard Foundation, created by the action of Dr. Lewis Prichard, venerable capitalist, of Charleston, in setting aside \$200,000 in securities, in trust, the income from which will be devoted for a term of years to the benefit of religious and charitable institutions. Of the \$200,000, one half, or \$100,000 is to provide an income of \$6,000 a year for Morris Harvey College. Bream Memorial Presbyterian church, of Charleston is to receive not less than \$2,000 a year. The Charleston Salvation army corps is to receive a minimum of \$2,000 a year and a similar minimum is set aside for the education of young men willing to take up the study of medicine or surgery, the preference to be given to natives of Carter county and Grayson, Ky., where Dr. Prichard's earlier life was spent.

The entire income from the securities is to be devoted to the institutions designated until 1931. Beginning January 1, 1931, the Prichard estate is to receive from the income of the foundation the sum of \$10,000 annually until the entire principal sum has been repaid, the benefits to be reduced in a sum sufficient to make this repayment possible. After the principal is repaid the foundation will remain intact and the income will be administered for the use and benefit of charitable and religious institutions as before.

MOONLIGHT TEACHER IN WASHINGTON

R. E. Jagers, a school teacher of Hart County, tells of his trip to Washington in an interesting manner.

"I left Bowling Green, where I am enrolled as a student of the Western Kentucky State Normal, on Sunday, February 25. At Frankfurt, the State Capital, I was met by a delegation, headed by Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, president, and the Hon. V. O. Gilbert, secretary-treasurer of the Kentucky Illiteracy Commission. This delegation greeted me and I made my 'good-bye' on my trip."

"My stay in Washington extended over one week, which was occupied in meeting the notables there and in seeing the wonderful sights of the most wonderful Capital in the world. I saw Congress in session and saw it die in the throes of the most noted filibuster in history. I saw the Supreme Court Mount Vernon, the home of Washington; the Smithsonian Institute, the Corcoran Art Gallery, and finally sat in the grandstand and saw the inauguration of President Wilson for the second term."

"The moonlight schools, I found, were the pride of Kentucky's statesmen at Washington. Many other leaders in Congress are champions of the cause which Kentucky is leading."

"President Wilson was never busier during his life, and could not see many of the visitors then thronging the capital, but he stopped amid the perplexities of the international crisis, and the stress of the closing days of Congress, to greet a moonlight school teacher. He has kept up with the progress of the work and he said with great earnestness: 'The work of the moonlight schools is a wonderful work.' The President read with deep interest the letter which I presented to him from a young man, aged 21, who had learned to read and write within three weeks time. He was much impressed with both the spirit and legibility of the letter."

"Cham Clark, Speaker of the House of Representatives, simply bubbled over with enthusiasm on the subject of moonlight schools. It is one of his favorite themes, and he has made speeches on the subject from New York to California. He had made one in Washington a few evenings previous to my visit there. I was escorted to his office by the Hon. John W. Lantry and the Speaker sat down and talked to me as familiarly as if I had been a Congressman. 'The moonlight school work is the most wonderful work going on in the world, I believe,' he said, and said it with a Champ Clark vim that left no doubt of his sincerity."

"Senator Ollie M. James is proud of the fact that moonlight schools originated in Kentucky. Senator James has a bill pending in Congress which is designed to wipe illiteracy out of the United States, and to do it after the Kentucky plan. The bill is popular and will pass, and it will give Kentucky another page in the country's history. Senator James believes in keeping Kentucky in the lead."

"Congressman Hughes, the veteran chairman of the Education Committee in the House of Representatives, met me with extreme cordiality. He has been an advocate of moonlight schools for several years, and through his and other influences has started a State-wide campaign against illiteracy in his

native State of Georgia.

"One of the best-informed men in Washington on moonlight schools is Congressman Towner, of Iowa. He wrote a flattering report on the movement three years ago, and commended the plan to other States. His is the State that stands at the top of the scale of literacy, but he would like to see the other States move up the scale."

"Every one of Kentucky's Senators and Representatives is an ardent supporter of the moonlight schools. They have all given prizes in their districts and in the State at large, and have traveled at their own expense, and made speeches for the cause, and they feel that it is every Kentuckian's duty to help."

"W. J. Fields, of the Ninth district, feels especial pride in the fact that the moonlight school originated in his district. He says that the demand upon him for literature from Rowan county exactly doubled after the operation of the moonlight schools there. He has charge of the same bill in the House that Senator James is fathering in the Senate."

"The newspapers made much comment on the work while I was in Washington, all of it being favorable. I was interviewed, 'entertained and escorted and accorded every possible courtesy by the nation's leaders and the press."

"Finally, I was invited to stop in Lexington on my return as the guest of the Southern School Journal, the State educational organ. Here, with the genial editor, R. S. Eubank and Miss Mattie Dalton, I spent the last day of the most wonderful trip that any rural school teacher in the world ever had."

COL. LABBEE PREPARING TO DRILL OIL WELLS.

Oil development in this county will be given quite a boost through the activities of Col. Labbee, who acquired a considerable acreage of leases a few months ago. He has organized and incorporated two strong companies, it is said, and drilling is to start as early this season as arrangements can be perfected.

Among others interested are Mr. H. E. Wells and Mr. Ellis, of Chicago. They are here now working out the plans of the company. The Crofut Wells Oil and Gas Company is one of the corporations that will handle the property and develop it.

Good wells are coming right along in this field and the fact that the Berea wells will produce for 25 years or more without any considerable reduction in output makes them very valuable. The quality of the oil is very high.

\$60,000 BOND ISSUE FOR CEREDO AND KENOVA

Ceredo, W. Va., March 9.—The Board of Education of the Independent School District of Ceredo, comprising the town of Ceredo and Kenova and contiguous territory, has called a special election for Saturday, April 14, to vote on the question of issuing \$60,000 of bonds with which to purchase a site and erect a high school building.

The building will be erected in Kenova in the event the bonds carry. The high school is now conducted in Ceredo but as Kenova pays about 80 per cent of the taxes of the district, her people claim the building should be located there. And they are coming back with the threat if Ceredo defeats the bonds Kenova will cut off from Ceredo, making an independent district.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING

A ferryboat sank while crossing the river at Kite station Tuesday morning and the five occupants had a narrow escape from drowning. A boy happened to be near with a skiff and rescued the party. The river was very high and swift and the boat was rather heavily loaded with eggs, chickens and other produce. The greater part of this was saved.

The occupants of the boat were Chit Griffith and son Leonard, Graydon Chapman, Jarvy Wallace and Robt. Kise.

JAKE COMES BACK.

Jake Isralsky can not do business in Louisville, because he is under contract to not do so, but he has come back as near as possible—Fort Gay. His full page ad, in this issue tells the story of the opening sale at that place, beginning today. Read it.

NEW DEPOT AT FT. GAY.

The N. & W. is building a new passenger depot at Fort Gay with two waiting rooms, an office and express room. It is at the east end of the old depot, which will be used entirely for freight. The fill between the depot and bridge will be extended on the river side sufficiently to make a public road.

Prentice Stanley Killed in Johnson County

Last Sunday afternoon at about 3 o'clock Fred Bailey shot and killed Prentice Stanley at Ballot, on Little Paint. Reports say Stanley in company with a man named Musio was passing the home of Fred Bailey when Bailey and Stanley became engaged in a quarrel, when Bailey entered his home and returned with an automatic pistol and shot Stanley eight times, killing him instantly. Bailey made his escape and has not been captured.

Friends of Bailey claim that Stanley had his pistol out when he was shot. Stanley is a nephew of C. M. and J. H. Cooper and Mrs. D. J. Wheeler of this city.—Paintsville Herald.

GASOLINE PLANT LOCATED NEAR LOUISA

THE GAS COMPANY WILL BUILD IT NEAR THE THREE MILE BRIDGE

It is rumored that the United Fuel Gas Company will install a plant on Three Mile Creek, three miles south of Louisa, for the manufacture of gasoline. The site will be along the main leading from the Martin County gas fields. This company has established plants of this kind at other points along their lines. They claim that a certain amount of gasoline can be extracted from the gas without impairing its quality to any appreciable extent. A considerable sum of money will be expended and steady employment will be given to a few men.

W. H. STOKES DEAD

Counselor Wyndham H. Stokes of Welch, McDowell county, died in Johns Hospital Baltimore, Md., from a second attack of paralysis. Mr. Stokes had been suffering from serious illness for quite a while and succumbed early Monday morning.

He stood high in the estimation of the people of West Virginia and for many years had taken an active part in the public affairs of the State.

Hon. Wyndham H. Stokes was a brother of Hon. S. D. Stokes of Williamsburg, who had been summoned to Baltimore to attend his brother in his last illness.

He is survived by two children ages five and two years. His wife died recently.

TO MAKE W. VA. REALLY DRY

Charleston, W. Va., March 12.—Although the West Virginia Legislature, at its recent session, passed a bill which will permit each adult male to bring into the state one quart of liquor a month, United States District Attorney William G. Barnhart has announced that the bone dry bill recently passed by Congress renders the West Virginia law invalid, and that as will arrest all violators of the Federal law. As the West Virginia "quart-a-month law" becomes effective May 1, importations may be made from that date until July 1, when the Federal act becomes effective.

To the Canning Club Girls of Lawrence.

Lawrence County is one of the twenty-six counties of Kentucky that is now beginning its organization of Canning Clubs, and although Lawrence County had only a six months term agent, and many other counties have the whole year agents, Lawrence County is doing just what the other counties are, as the twenty-six agents are engaged in doing the same thing, at the same time, i. e. securing enrollment in Girls' Canning Clubs, organizing this enrollment, into six or eight clubs, distributing tomato seed and circulars, also record books.

All agents are expected to have an enrollment of 100 girls to each county, making for the State 2600 girls, all doing the same work. Obstacles will be met in this effort and especially in this county, but Lawrence Co., doesn't fall in other things, why should she fall in this? You help to make Lawrence County rank with the central states in this one thing if we can't rank with them in good roads. Those will come later.

There are economic social and moral reasons for greatly increasing our enrollment. The markets need our produce, good prices are assured, Kentucky girls need the money and need the education that belongs to members of these clubs.

At this time when the world is in economic chaos, the agents appreciate the great opportunity to serve, and have pledged themselves to give time, talent and effort to secure membership of all possible girls.

All the club activities this year will be secondary to those of gardening and canning. First year girls will put one-twentieth acre in tomato seed and one-twentieth in string beans; bean as well as tomato seed will be furnished by the agent.

Too much emphasis can not be put on girls sending in their names at once. The roads are in such bad condition the agent would be able to cover only a small part of the county, and yet be neglecting the rest of the county, so with co-operation from the old members and from interested mothers and fathers, more can be done toward securing a good enrollment. By the agent's help from one central point.

The people of Louisa, as well as of the county, were co-operative last year, and made the year a pleasant one with some results, but this year we must have bigger results and to have more success, more must be put into it. Already co-operation has begun and many big plans are on foot.

So many public spirited things were done last year, that it would be hard to try to name them all, but it is necessary to tell of one thing that has been done for this year's work, and that is that Mr. Snyder has shared a desk and corner of his office to Miss Davis, so that she may be easily found by the people who come into town and want to see her, especially on Saturday, as this day will be her office day, and generally on Mondays, as this day is preparation day for field work. Mr. Aug. Snyder's office is just back of the Louisa National Bank and very convenient to the business part of town.